

business of said office. In the event of any vacancy in the office of Register of Wills, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judges of the Circuit Courts, or of the "Supreme Court of Baltimore City," as the case may be, until the next general election for county officers, when a Register shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter. The Register of Wills shall perform all the duties pertaining to his office which are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law; and in the absence of the Judge shall have and exercise all the powers vested in the Orphans' Court, subject to such rules and regulations as the Judge of such Court may prescribe; and shall also have such other powers and duties, and be subject to such changes as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe; *provided, however*, that it shall be the duty of the said Register in any suit, cause, action or proceedings before him, upon the motion of either party, to reserve the case before him for trial and decision by the Judge of said Court.

#### PART VI.—JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Sec. 39. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint such number of Justices of the Peace, and the County Commissioners of the several counties, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall appoint such number of constables, for the several Election Districts of the counties and wards of the city of Baltimore, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and Justices of the Peace and Constables so appointed, shall be subject to removal by the Judge or Judges having criminal jurisdiction in the county or city for incompetency, willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of law. The Justices of the Peace and Constables so appointed and commissioned shall be conservators of the peace, shall hold their office for two years, and shall have such jurisdiction, duties and compensation, subject to such right of appeal, in all cases, from the judgment of Justices of the Peace, as hath been heretofore exercised, or shall be hereafter prescribed by law.

Sec. 40. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Justice of the Peace, the Governor shall appoint a person to serve as Justice of the Peace for the residue of the term, and in case of a vacancy in the office of Constable, the County Commissioners of the county in which the vacancy occurs, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, shall appoint a person to serve as Constable for the residue of the term.

#### PART VII.—SHERIFFS.

Sec. 41. There shall be elected in each county, and in the City of Baltimore, in every fourth year, one person, resident